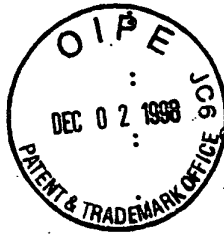


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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction
mailed November 6, 1998 in the above-identified application.

Applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect
Invention I which is drawn to a component mounting apparatus and
embodied by claims 8-15.

Having made the required election, an examination of the
merits of the elected invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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